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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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YIN et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 1744
Serial No.: 10/662,404)	
)	Examiner: Joyner, K.
Filed: September 16, 2003)	
)	Docket No. 70566-0016
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
STEAM STERILIZATION OF ARTICLES)	

ELECTION

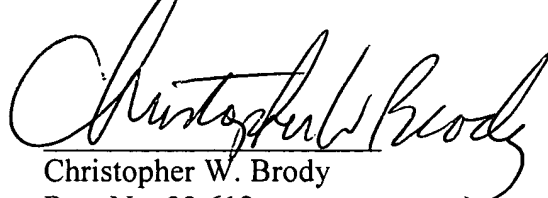
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention, claims 1-7. Applicants also reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

Respectfully submitted,
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